

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2007  
(Approved April 25, 2007)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on March 28, 2007. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay and Tim Roland, East Coventry Township; Ralph Fluharty, New Hanover Township; John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Bud Jenschke, North Coventry Township; Elwood Taylor and Megan DeLena, Upper Pottsgrove, Cindy Pratt, Douglass Township; and, Dan Weand and Dan Schadler, Pottstown Borough.

Tolson DeSa – Montgomery County Planning Commission  
John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

**1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.**

Mrs. DeLena called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mrs. DeLena did a roll call.

**3. Review of February 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Schadler moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2007 meeting as presented. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Treasure's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. The total found in the report is \$25,206.45. Mrs. Megay moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Meeting**

Mr. Cover noted that Bob Mech is attending the Multi-Regional Planning Commission Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen meetings. The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee is to review the mission statement for discussion at the April meeting.

**6. Update – 2007 Mercantile Tax Resolution, Tax Reform Act of 1988**

Tabled until the April meeting.

**7. Old Business**

Regional Recreation Discussion

Municipalities have had discussion regarding regional recreation. A meeting with Wellness to discuss funding of a Penn State Facilitator is to be held. The Regional Committee to discuss in April.

**8. New Business**

Sunnybrook Foundation

Mr. Tom Sephakis of the Sunnybrook Foundation provided a comprehensive presentation regarding the history and preservation of Sunnybrook ballroom and facilities.

Mr. Sephakis handed out brochures regarding Sunnybrook's preservation and noted the different arenas that are being investigated for the restoration and fundraising opportunities. Mr. Sephakis noted the positive response received from various organizations countrywide regarding Sunnybrook's preservation.

#### **9. Other – Counting Planning Section Chief Brian O'Leary**

Mr. Brian O'Leary provided information regarding Montgomery County's Comprehensive Plan.

Information that was provided included but was not limited to:

- Vision Plan
- Growth & Preservation Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Major Transportation Project
- Economic Development Plan

Additional items noted:

- Supporting the workforce
- Revitalizing marginal shopping centers
- Housing plan – 1990's housing boom – 55+ housing to grow
- Providing adequate supply of housing – special needs housing
- Communities facilities plan
- Sewage/water facilities
- Schools, communication facilities
- Water resources plan
- Water quality, flooding, stormwater management
- Open space and trail plan
- Natural features, historic preservation
- Land use plan

It was noted the metro project has not come to fruition but alternate plans are being investigated. The possibility of utilizing old rail lines and old stations being utilized for alternative transportation was discussed.

#### **10. Municipal Updates**

Mr. Roland stated that East Coventry Township is reviewing the zoning map.

Mr. Gambino noted a mixed-use office warehouse at the old William Penn Trucking site and the ongoing Upland Square project.

#### **11. 2007 Member Directory**

The 2007 member directory was distributed.

#### **12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13. Adjournment**

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Gambino seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco  
Recording Secretary